(b) how many of these recommendations were given effect to so far?

Mr. I. N. Menon.—(a) and (b) It is not possible to answer the question as the period for which the information is required is not specified.

Mr. A. V. Moothedan.—The answer has not satisfied me. You could have answered the question with a little far sight. What I meant was the Survey Committee and the S. K. Committee. These are the two committees in the public eye now. You can have given some idea about them.

Mr. I. N. Menon.—The S. K. Committee had spent about two thousand and odd rupees and the other less than a thousand. I cannot say precisely.

Grant bills of the grant-in-aid Schools.

226. Mr. E. P. Bhaskara Menon.— Will the Government be pleased to state.-

(a) the dates on which grant bills of grant-in-aid schools should be submitted as per rules in force in the last academic year;

(b) the number of instances where the above rules have been strictly adhered to;

(c) the number of instances where submission of bills have been delayed;

and (d) the extent of delay in each of such cases in (c) above?

Mr. I. N. Menon.—(a) Primary Schools are allowed to send their grant bills at the end of the month, and Secondary schools at the end of the quarter. There is no time-limit for their acceptance.

(b), (c) and (d). These do not arise in view of the answer furnished to sub-division (a).

Mr E. P. Bhaskara Menon.—Do all the Primary schools send their grant bills very much farther from the end of the month ?

Mr. I. N. Menon.—Some do in instances where teachers have not been paid. In such stray cases where the teachers refuse to sign their acquittances the bills are delayed.

Mr. E. P. Bhaskara Menon.—May I know why the Government insists on the teachers' signing their acquittance before the bills are submitted ?

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Mr. I. N. Menon.—These bills are supposed to be the pay of teachers and no one signs them. So the manager has to certify that the amounts have been disposed of. Without the acquittance there is no authority to know this. Such being the case and the authorities coming to know that the salaries of teachers are not paid in time this system was insisted.

Mr. E. P. Bhaskara Menon.—Have the Government considered the question and taken any steps to stop such measures to see that payments are made in time ?

Mr. I. N. Menon.—In answer to the question I said that Government have under consideration a change of procedure by which the managers are called upon to submit the bills of previous months so that they will actually receive the amount and be able to disburse the pay in time. I hope that will save the trouble.

House and compound intended for the Consort and children of His Highness the late Ex-Maharaja of Cochin.

227. Mr. P. Raman Menon.—Will the Government be pleased to state.—

(a) whether any maximum has been fixed by the late lamented the Ex-Maharaja of Cochin or the Government to be paid or spent by the Government for the house and compound intended for His Highness' Consort and children;

(b) whether the Government at any time afterwards fix any maximum amount to be spent for the purpose;

(c) what did the Government spend for the purchase of the house site in Chempukav;

(d) how much has been spent for the construction of the house, out-houses, compound walls, etc., up till now;

(e) have the Government stopped spending on that house and compound now; if not, how much more they intend spending;

(f) were plans and estimates prepared before the construction began and what was the amount estimated;

(g) were there deviations in the construction of that building from the original plan;

(h) how much extra amount did such deviations cost the Government;

(j) were they constructed only after Government sanc-

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